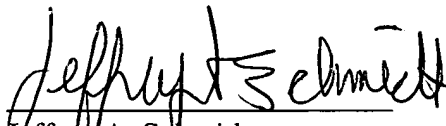


REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. This Preliminary Amendment broadens claims 1, 7, and 12 by changing "a laser beam" to --a light--, as a laser beam is not required for practice of the present invention. Because this is a broadening reissue application, wherein all changes relative to the original patent are shown by brackets and underlining, a separate Appendix—showing the claims with markings to indicate changes—is not submitted herewith. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Sir:

Claims 1-20 are all the claims that are pending in this application. Claims 1, 7, 12, 14, 17, and 18, have been amended. The following is a statement of status and support for changes to the claims, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c).

Independent claims 1 and 7 have been amended to change the "means for modulating the intensity of a laser beam" to --means for modulating the intensity of a light--. Similarly, independent claim 12 has been amended to change the "modulator which modulates the intensity of a laser beam" to a --modulator which modulates the intensity of a light--. Support for these changes can be found at least at column 2, lines 23-45, wherein one embodiment of the invention is described in connection with "light" sources. More specifically, light from the the light sources is incident on the spatial light modulator means which is driven in accordance with image data to control a tilt of each micromirror and to project the light reflected from the spatial light modulator means upon a photosensitive material. That is, the invention is described broadly in terms of "light", wherein a "laser" is unnecessary.

Dependent claim 14 has been amended to depend from claim 12, and so as to recite light sources that are LED units. Support for these changes can be found at least at column 4, lines

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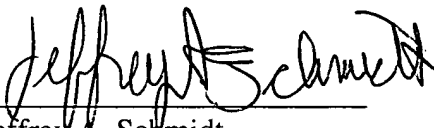
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40-45, wherein one embodiment of the invention is described as including a red LED unit 11, a green LED unit 12, and a blue LED unit 13, as the light sources for illuminating the digital micromirror device 10. Also, one embodiment of the invention is described as activating the red, green, and blue, light sources during respective red, green, and blue, exposure times, wherein there is no particular order to the exposure times. See, for example, column 4, lines 57-65.

Dependent claims 17 and 18 have been amended to make their language consistent with the change in dependency of claim 14 from claim 13 to claim 12. Support for this change can be found at least at column 4, lines 12-25, column 5, lines 53-64, and column 6, lines 6-14, wherein the specification describes that when a micromirror is in the valid reflection state, light is reflected to a photosensitive material, whereas when a micromirror is in an invalid reflection state, light is reflected to a light absorption plate.

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